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to the goal here, because I believe that we have a responsibility, as Senator Beutler has pointed out, but there were some questions that I think are being resolved that I had. Having said that, Mr. President, I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Smith and would say that that doesn't necessarily reflect my views on this issue.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and Senator Erdman, and I'll try not to embarrass you too much. It comes down the fact whether or not the legislative branch should have access to confidential information or not. I remain unconvinced that it's necessary that the Legislature obtain confidential information. This issue never seemed to be of concern until there were some interest groups outside the Legislature who wanted to know, company by company, who was benefiting from tax incentives more than others. That's my observation. Perhaps there was a desire for the legislative branch of government to obtain confidential information prior to that, but that's my perception, that this whole issue came about when, I would say again, outside groups, in an attempt to derail economic development incentives, wanted to get in there, dig in within the Department of Revenue to see how effective, quote, unquote, our tax structure is; does it leverage. And that's fine. There is a desire to know that, but my, oh my, the fun that could be had in getting in there and obtaining that confidential information. Again, I remain unconvinced that it's necessary and I will no longer use Senator Erdman's time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith and Senator Erdman. Further discussion on committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Engel...is Senator Engel on the floor? Senator Engel, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments by Executive Board to LB 588.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President and members of the body, I think this amendment is very important and I'd appreciate your passage. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing, committee